H&S COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JULY 1968 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 1968

1st Marine Division · III Marine Amphibious Force · I Corps, Republic of Vietnam

1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Headquarters and Service Company (H&S Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division; including the battalion command post, the 106mm section and the S-2 and S-5 sections
Reporting Period	1–31 July 1968
Commander	1stLt A. A. Dornbach (2–31 July)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr.; Maj O. K. Steele); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Security, movement and support (no combat entry recorded)
Base of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company’s entries for July 1968 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (2 of 2 entries with a named place or grid).

H&S Company was commanded by 1stLt A. A. Dornbach (2–31 July); the battalion by LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr. (1–24 July); Maj O. K. Steele (25–31 July).

For July 1968 this report lists 9 entries (8 organization, 1 movement): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 9 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 26 July 1968: The battalion (-) arrived at An Hoa; by 1800 Echo, Foxtrot and Hotel were attacking enemy forces in the Phu Nhuan village complex north of An Hoa; Golf held the approaches to Liberty Bridge.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Houston	26 Feb – 12 Sep 1968	Operation Houston ended; relieved by 2/26
Operation Mameluke Thrust	19 May – 23 Oct 1968	2/5 began Operation Mameluke Thrust II

4. Chronology of H&S Company Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for July 1968 in the hotel25vv research database. Entries naming H&S or its sections and all battalion-level entries are listed; entries naming only a rifle company are left out. Times and grid references are as recorded; each entry ends with its source page.

Date	Activity / Events
July day unstated	A 1st Marine Division band concert at every company position. [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 3]
11 Jul	Golf, Delta 1/5 and the command group in counter-guerrilla operations near ZD1606, 13-16 July [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 16]
11 Jul	Delta 1/5 under 2/5, 11-17 July [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 16]
20 Jul 24:00	10 armed VC/NVA entered Lang Co to kill village officials, failed and left leaflets [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 17]
24 Jul	Hotel commander: Capt G. D. Hendrickson to 24 July [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 3]
24 Jul	Echo, Foxtrot moved from Not stated to An Hoa Combat Base (AT 873 473) by helicopter. On 24 July Echo and Foxtrot were flown to An Hoa as the 5th Marines' advance party; on 25 July 2/26 relieved the battalion and it moved south. (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 3]
25 Jul 08:30	Operation Houston ended; relieved by 2/26 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 3]
26 Jul	The battalion (-) arrived at An Hoa; by 1800 Echo, Foxtrot and Hotel were attacking enemy forces in the Phu Nhuan village complex north of An Hoa; Golf held the approaches to Liberty Bridge [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 3]
28 Jul	2/5 began Operation Mameluke Thrust II [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 3]

5. Notes and Caveats

This file was built on 22 November 2026 in the same format as the Company H reports, directly from the checked, page-cited transcriptions of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines command chronologies. The notes below record its sources and where the record is thin.

1. SOURCE. The entries come from 2/5 Command Chronology Jul 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048105).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. H&S 2/5 is recorded in the chronology under several names: H&S, H&S (Bn CP), Bn CP, the 106mm section and the S-2 and S-5 sections. All are combined here. Because H&S was the battalion headquarters, every battalion-level entry not tied to a rifle company is included too. Entries are listed in date and time order, each with the page of the chronology it was read from; entries naming only Echo, Foxtrot, Golf or Hotel are left out.

3. COMMANDER. Company and battalion commanders are taken from the monthly organisation data (Section I of each chronology) as recorded in the battalion leadership ledger.

4. CASUALTIES. Casualty figures are not totalled here. Individual losses appear in the entries as recorded; for authoritative totals see the casualty tables in the original chronology.

5. ORIGINALS. National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 127, Records of the United States Marine Corps. For full records contact National Archives II, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park MD 20740, or Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134.

6. Sources

This document was compiled from the following primary and secondary sources:

PRIMARY SOURCES

— 2/5 Command Chronology Jul 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048105)

— 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology for July 1968, as published on hotel25vv.com (Battalion Chronology page): https://hotel25vv.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/1968July-2-5CommandChronology.pdf

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